

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-20 (Canceled)

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): A cellulose acetate film comprising cellulose acetate, wherein the cellulose acetate has an acetic acid content in the range of 55.0 to 58.0%, and wherein the film is formed by a solvent casting method using a cellulose acetate solution that is prepared according to a cooling dissolution method.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim † 21, wherein the film is stretched.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim 2 22, wherein the film is stretched at a stretch ratio of increase of length in the range of 10 to 30%.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim 2 22, wherein the film is stretched at a stretch ratio of increase of width in the range of 10 to 30%.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim † 21, wherein the cooling dissolution method uses a halogenated hydrocarbon as a solvent.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim 5 25, wherein the halogenated hydrocarbon is methylene chloride.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim + 21, wherein the film contains a compound having at least two aromatic rings in an amount of 0.3 to 20 weight parts based on 100 weight parts of the cellulose acetate.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim + 21, wherein the film has a surface immersed in an acid or alkali solution.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim + 21, wherein the film has a surface sprayed with an alkali solution.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim + 21, wherein the film has a surface subjected to a corona discharge treatment.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): A cellulose acetate film comprising cellulose acetate, wherein the cellulose acetate has an acetic acid content in the range of 58.0 to 62.5%, wherein the film is stretched, and wherein the film is formed by a solvent casting method using a cellulose acetate solution that is prepared according to a cooling dissolution method.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim 31, wherein the film is stretched at a stretch ratio of increase of length in the range of 10 to 30%.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim 31, wherein the film is stretched at a stretch ratio of increase of width in the range of 10 to 30%.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim 31, wherein the cooling dissolution method uses a halogenated hydrocarbon as a solvent.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim 34, wherein the halogenated hydrocarbon is methylene chloride.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim 31, wherein the film contains a compound having at least two aromatic rings in an amount of 0.3 to 20 weight parts based on 100 weight parts of the cellulose acetate.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim 31, wherein the film has a surface immersed in an acid or alkali solution.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim 31, wherein the film has a surface sprayed with an alkali solution.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim 31, wherein the film has a surface subjected to a corona discharge treatment.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): A cellulose acetate film comprising cellulose acetate, wherein the cellulose acetate has an acetic acid content in the range of 58.0 to 62.5%, and wherein the film is formed by a solvent casting method using a cellulose acetate solution that is prepared according to a cooling dissolution method using a halogenated hydrocarbon as a solvent.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim 40, wherein the halogenated hydrocarbon is methylene chloride.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim 40, wherein the film contains a compound having at least two aromatic rings in an amount of 0.3 to 20 weight parts based on 100 weight parts of the cellulose acetate.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim 40, wherein the film has a surface immersed in an acid or alkali solution.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim 40, wherein the film has a surface sprayed with an alkali solution.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented): The cellulose acetate film as defined in claim 40, wherein the film has a surface subjected to a corona discharge treatment.